GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:667
ANSWERED ON:12.05.2005
PROTECTION TO HERITAGE BUILDINGS
Mandal Shri Sanat Kumar

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a number of heritage buildings have lost their significance due to rapid development of various cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the important heritage buildings identified in various States by the Union Government; and

(c) the steps taken/to be taken by the Union Government to protect these heritage buildings?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE(SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a)to(c) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 667 FOR 12.5.2005 RAISED BY SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGRDING PROTECTION TO HERITAGE BUILDINGS

(a)to(c) No, Sir. None of the centrally protected monuments have lost their significance due to rapid development of various cities in the country. The Archaeological Survey of India protects 3659 monuments, a State-wise breakup of which is given at Annexure.

In order to contain unauthorized constructions and encroachments around centrally protected monuments, the Central Government, vide Notification No. SO 1764 dated 16th June, 1992, has declared an area upto 100 mts from the protected limits as the "prohibited area" and a further 200 mts. as the "regulated area". No new construction or mining activity can be taken up within the prohibited area. Construction activity in the regulated area can be taken up only with due approval of the Competent Authority.

In order to remove the encroachments in and around the centrally protected monuments, the Archaeological Survey of India takes regular steps under the provisions of Section 19(1) and 19(2) of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 and Rule 38(1) of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Rules, 1959. Legal action is also initiated against encroachers by filing cases in the courts of law. Regular watch and ward, police and private security personnel are deployed in the monuments for their protection. Steps have also been taken to provide fencing around the centrally protected monuments.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTON NO. 667 FOR 12.5.2005

LIST OF CENTRALLY PROTECTED MONUMENTS (STATE- WISE)UNDER ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA

S.L. No.
States/U.T
No. of Centrally Protected Monuments in each State/U.T
01
Andhra Pradesh
136
02
Arunachal Pradesh
5
03
Assam
50
04
Bihar
65
05
Chhatisgarh

47
06
Daman & Diu
12
07
Delhi
172
08
Goa
21
09
Gujarat
202
10
Haryana
90
11
Himachal Pradesh
40
12
Jammu & Kashmir
69
13
Jharkhand
12
14
Karnataka
507
15
Kerala
26
16
Madhya Pradesh
287
17
Maharashtra
286
18
Manipur
01
19
Meghalaya
08
20
Nagaland
04
21
Orissa
79
22
Pondicherry
07
23
Punjab
31
24
Rajasthan
161
25
Sikkim
03
26
Tamil Nadu
416
27
Tripura
05
28
Uttar Pradesh
742
29
Uttaranchal
44
30
West Bengal
131

TOTAL
3659